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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA: HIGH-LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT 63RD UN  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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(SBU) Post's response to reftel requesting information on the attendance of host country government officials at the 63rd UN General Assembly (UNGA) follows below:

Attendance of Head of State

- Name and Title: Alvaro Colom, President of the Republic of Guatemala
- Arrival date to New York: September 22
- Departure date from New York: September 26
- President Colom will be present for part of the General Debate
- President Colom will not visit other U.S. locations during this trip
- There are currently no plans for President Colom's spouse to travel to New York
- Interpretation in Spanish would be required in a bilateral or multilateral meeting

Attendance of Foreign Minister

- Name and Title: Haroldo Rodas, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Guatemala
- Arrival date to New York: September 22
- Departure date from New York: September 26
- Foreign Minister Rodas will be present for part of the General Debate
- Foreign Minister Rodas will not visit other U.S. locations during this trip
- There are currently no plans for Foreign Minister Rodas's wife to travel to New York
- Interpretation would not be required in a bilateral or multilateral meeting

Attendance of other VIPs

- There are no plans for other VIPs to attend UNGA

Attendance of the Foreign Ministry official responsible for IO affairs

- While not confirmed, Ambassador Julio Martini, Director General of Multilateral, Political, and Economic Affairs at the MFA, may travel with Foreign Minister Rodas to UNGA. Post will provide updated information, when available, septel. Lindwall